



Vermont Housing &
Conservation Board

Housing for the Homeless

House Committee on Human Services

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Chapter 15: VERMONT HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

§ 302. Policy, findings, and purpose

(a) The dual goals of creating affordable housing for Vermonters, and conserving and protecting Vermont's agricultural land, forestland, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands are of primary importance to the economic vitality and quality of life of the State.



VHCB Results in FY 2016 and FY 2017

2016

State Investment: \$9.7M
Leverage: \$60M

429 affordable housing units
24 farms - 3,443 acres
7 natural areas - 3,638 acres
1 historic project
80 Viability Program participants

2017

State Investment: \$9.6M
Leverage: \$65M

411 affordable housing units
25 farms – 2,860 acres
10 natural areas - 1,100 acres
1 historic project
82 Viability Program participants

VHCB Statewide - Housing

- Create and preserve housing affordable to lower-income Vermonters. Only direct state funding for building affordable housing.
- Provide funding for:
 - Buildings that permanently house the formerly homeless
 - Emergency shelters and transitional housing
- Training and technical assistance for regional housing groups – our local partners
- Participate in policy work – Roadmap to End Homelessness



Housing and Services for Special Populations

100 Properties with 1192 Units

\$18.8 million Since 1990

People Served	Units or Beds
homeless in shelters and transitional housing	229
homeless in permanent housing	105
victims of domestic violence	45
frail elderly	276
vulnerable youth and children	110
individuals with mental illness	237
individuals with developmental disabilities	34
released from corrections	97
individuals with physical disabilities	26
veterans	<u>33</u>
Total	1192



Good Samaritan Haven in Barre Shelter for the Homeless



Mandala House in Rutland

Developed by the Vermont Achievement Center,
provides housing for women transitioning from prison



Overlook Transitional Housing in Hartford

Ten apartments with support services for formerly homeless individuals and families



Canal Street Housing in Winooski

28 rooms with 47 beds for veterans developed by COTS.
Transitional and permanent housing with support services.



Phoenix Houses in Burlington and Barre

Sober Living for Former Inmates Recovering from Addiction



Harbor Place in Shelburne

59-room motel converted to provide support services to help residents transition to permanent housing.



Pearl Street in Burlington

Housing for vulnerable youth and children



Support and Services at Home (SASH) Coordinating Health Care at Housing Sites



With 5,000 participants at 140 sites across the state, SASH is a nationally recognized model transforming health care delivery services for seniors and disabled individuals. An independent evaluation of the program found reductions in Medicare expenditure growth of \$1,536 per person or \$7.6 million annually.

Safford Commons in Woodstock

28 apartments in a new affordable neighborhood
Three of the new households were formally homeless



Beacon Apartments in South Burlington

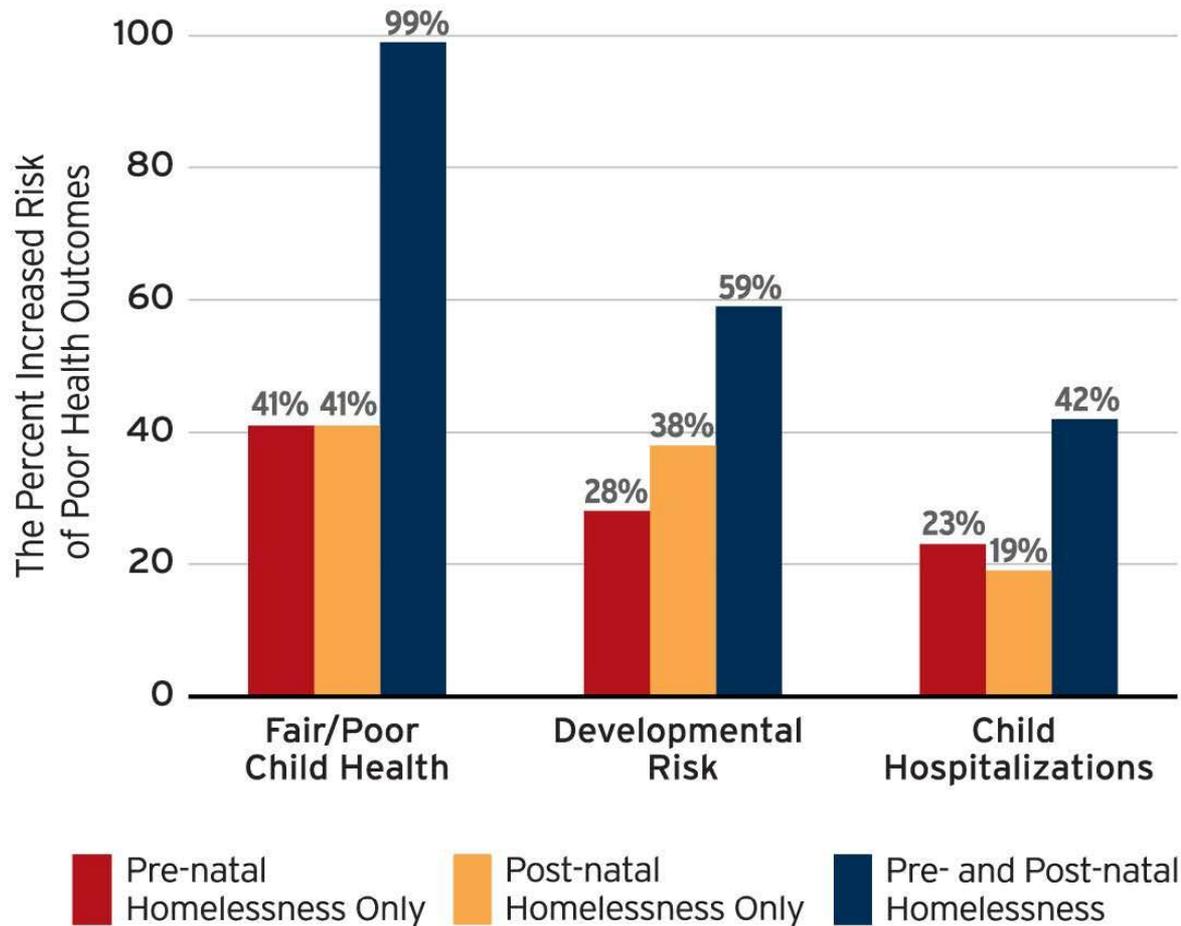
Housing for the medically vulnerable, chronically homeless



Steve is a US Army Veteran who was homeless before moving into a Champlain Housing Trust apartment at Harrington Village in Shelburne



FIGURE 1
Compounding Effect of Homelessness on Child Health



The comparison group for these data is children who were never homeless.

All findings statistically significant at $p < .05$.

Source: Children's HealthWatch Data, May 2009-December 2014.



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